spots and remove grievances of tourists in the country?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM (SHRI MUFTI MOHD. SYED): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) An Inspection Unit has been formed in the Department of Tourism which inter-alia looks into the complaints received from the tourists (both foreign and domestic). It has now been contemplated that each State Government/Union Territory be requested to set up their own Complaints Cell and constitute Coordination Committees with representatives of the field offices of the Central Department of Tourism etc. to help settle the complaints received either directly or through the Central Department of Tourism to the satisfaction of the concerned parties. This proposed measure stipulating active involvement of the State Governments/Union Territories will help in expeditious settlement of the complaints as well as ensure in improving the conditions at tourist spots.

Indian fishermen in Pak jails

304. SHRI D. B. CHANDRA GOWDA: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that 55 fishermen hailing from Gujarat languishing in Pakistani Jails as reported in the Hindustan Times of 26th June, 1986;

(b) whether Government have demanded immediate repatriation of these fishermen; and

(c) if so, what is Pakistan Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI K. R. NARAYANAN): (a) Yes. Sir.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) The Government of Pakistan have not yet communicated the schedule of repatriation of these prisoners. However, they have allowed the officials of Embassy of India in Islamabad to meet these prisoners in jail on 24-4-1986.

News-item regarding export of inferior quality of rice to the Soviet Union

305. DR. BAPU KALDATE:

SHRI SATYA PRAKASH MALAVIYA:

SHRI VIRENDRA VERMA:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news-item which appeared in the Statesman of 5th July 1986 regarding export of inferior quality of white Indian Basmati rice by two exporters—Deeksha Holding Private Limited and Rama Associates Private Limited, to the Soviet Union;

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard; and

(c) what action has been taken by Government against the two exporters and the Export Inspection Council for its failure to check the export of inferior quality of rice to USSR?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI BRAHM DUTT): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Government has not received any complaint from USSR in regard to quality of basmati rice exported from India.

(c) Does not arise.

Meeting between the Indian External Affairs Minister and the British Foreign Secretary held in London

306. SHRI SHANTI TYAGI: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that during the meeting between him and the British Foreign Secretary held in London in June, 1986, (i) the question of sanctions against the South Africa (ii) the presence of British trained mercenaries in Sri Lanka and (iii) the deportation of Sikh extremists came up for discussion: and

(b) if so, what has been the outcome of discussion on these three issues?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI K. R. NARAYANAN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) India's views and concerns on all these points were forcefully brought to the notice of the British Foreign Secretary.

Strike by textile workers

307. SHRI KALPNATH RAI:
SHRIMATI SUDHA VIJAY JOSHI:

Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the textile workers in Delhi and oher places in the country went on a strike in recent weeks;

(b) if so, what are the reasons for their strike and what steps have been taken by Government to arrive at a settlement; and

(c) what are the losses incurred by the textile industry as a result of the strike?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI P. A. SANGMA): (a) to (c) Information in respect of the strike called by textile workers of Delhi has been given in reply to Rajya Sabha Unstarred Question No. 241 given on 27-7-1986. Information in respect of strikes by textile workers in other places in the recent past and the losses incurred by the textile industry due thereto is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House in due course.

Measures to boost exports

308. SHRI KALPNATH RAI:
SHRIMATI SUDHA VIJAY JOSHI:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) what are the volume and value of the total exports from India during last three years, year-wise;

(b) what is the targetted growth rate of exports during the current Five Year Plan period; and

(c) what measures are being taken to boost exports?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI BRAHM DUTT): (a) According to the latest available foreign trade statistics, the value of India's exports during 1983-84, 1984-85 and April—Dec. 1985 is as under:—

(*Value: Rs. crores*)

Year	Exports from India
1983-84	9872·10
1984-85	11855·15
April-Dec., 1985(P) . .	7655·57

(P) —Provisional and subject to revision.

(b) According to the Seventh Plan Document, the volume of exports is projected to rise to nearly 7 per cent annually during 1985—90.

(c) Increasing our exports, diversifying our productive base, modernising our productive apparatus are some of the steps taken by the Government. Modification and periodic revision of our industrial and fiscal policies are also the additional steps taken from time to time.

Indo-Bangla talks on trade

309. SHRI KALPNATH RAI: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether any talks were held in recent weeks between India and Bangladesh to increase the volume of trade between the two countries; and

(b) if so, what are the detajls and result thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI BRAHM DUTT): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) It was decided inter alia, to extend the Trade Agreement between India and